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SUBJECT: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EQUIPMENT INTEROPERABILITY -
-- WORKING GROUP 3 ON TANK GUN AMMUNITION

REF: A) USNATO 0824 DTG 141925Z FEB 77
-- B) USNATO 0770 DTG 111601Z FEB 77

THE FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS/COMMENTS ON THE
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WG/3 PROGRESS REPORT (REF B) AS MODIFIED BY REF A.

A. PARA 6: DELETE LAST SENTENCE. THE US DOES NOT HAVE
ANY M47 TANKS. NATO COUNTRIES WITH M47 TANKS MAY FIND IT
MORE COST EFFECTIVE TO UPGUN THIS COMBAT VEHICLE COMPARED
TO BUYING NEW TANKS.

B. PARA 8: AT END OF PARA CHANGE "1978" TO "1977."

C. PARA 9: FIRST SENTENCE, RETAIN "SIMPLER" AND ACCEPT ONLY DELETION OF WORDS "AND SIGNIFICANTLY CHEAPER." (EVERYTHING AT THIS EARLY DEVELOPMENTAL STAGE, HOWEVER, INDICATES THIS TO BE TRUE FOR THE DU ROUND.)

D. PARA 12: (AS MODIFIED BY REF A) IS ACCEPTABLE ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN MORE THAN "A SINGLE RECENT

DEMONSTRATION." THE NATO COUNTRIES ARE NOT FULLY APPRISED OF THE XM774 STATUS. (WE STRONGLY URGE THAT A STATUS REPORT ON THE XM774 BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF WG/3.)

E. PARA 15: DELETE WORD "ONLY" IN THE NEXT TO LAST LINE. IT IS PRESUMPTUOUS FOR WG3 TO STATE IEPG WILL FOCUS ONLY ON AMMUNITION SPECIFIED BY WG3.

F. PARA 16: CHANGE TO READ "WITH RESPECT TO THE M-735 ROUND, THE US DOES NOT INTEND TO PRODUCE THIS AMMUNITION FOR SALE TO OTHER NATO COUNTRIES IN COMPETITION WITH IEPG AND ASSUMES THE REQUIREMENTS OF NATO NATIONS WILL BE SATISFIED FROM THEIR IEPG PRODUCTION SOURCES."

G. PARA 17 (AS MODIFIED BY REF A): DELETE AND REPLACE WITH "THE US EXPECTS TO PRODUCE THE M-735 FOR ITS OWN INVENTORY UNTIL THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE XM774 HAS REACHED A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION. AT THAT TIME, M-735
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PRODUCTION WILL BE PHASED OUT AND XM774 PRODUCTION WILL BE PHASED IN. THE XM774 WILL BE BALLISTICALLY MATCHED TO THE M-735 AND THEREFORE FULLY INTEROPERABLE. THUS, THE U.S. WAR RESERVE OF 105MM APFSDS AMMUNITION WILL CONSIST OF M735 AND XM774 ROUNDS."

H. PARA 19: ADD AT END OF LAST SENTENCE, "...WITH FRENCH F-1 GUN AND ASSOCIATED AMMUNITION."

I. PARA 20: FOURTH SENTENCE, CHANGE "INTERCHANGEABILITY" TO "INTEROPERABILITY." ADD FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH AT END: "IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT IN THE 1990'S FOUR DIFFERENT 120MM TANK GUNS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED AMMUNITION WILL EXIST IN THE NATO FORCE STRUCTURE; NAMELY:

-- L-11 120MM RIFLED WITH SEPARATE LOADED AMMUNITION

-- 120MM HIGH PRESSURE SMOOTHBORE WITH FIXED AMMUNITION

-- 120MM RIFLED WITH FIXED AMMUNITION

-- 120MM (LOWER PRESSURE) SMOOTHBORE WITH FIXED AMMUNITION.

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